

IC 25-14-3

Chapter 3. Continuing Education

IC 25-14-3-1

Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A dentist who has held an initial license for less than two (2) years.
- (2) A graduate student or a person in a resident program offered by an approved organization listed under section 2(13) of this chapter.
- (3) A person who is determined by the board as being unable to practice dentistry due to a disability.
- (4) A person who has been granted an inactive license under IC 25-14-1-27.1.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.235-1995, SEC.8.

IC 25-14-3-2

"Approved organization"

Sec. 2. "Approved organization" means the following:

- (1) United States Department of Education.
- (2) Council on Post-Secondary Education.
- (3) National Dental Association.
- (4) American Dental Association.
- (5) Academy of General Dentistry.
- (6) National Dental Hygiene Association.
- (7) American Dental Hygiene Association.
- (8) Council on Hospital Dental Services.
- (9) American Medical Association.
- (10) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.
- (11) Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations.
- (12) Study clubs approved by the board.
- (13) Federal, state, and local government agencies.
- (14) International organizations approved by the American Dental Association.
- (15) A college or other teaching institution accredited by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Post-Secondary Education.
- (16) A national, state, district, or local organization that operates as an affiliated entity under the approval of any organization listed in subdivisions (1) through (14).
- (17) An internship or a residency program conducted in a hospital that has been approved by an organization listed in subdivisions (1) through (15).
- (18) Any other organization or individual approved by the board.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-3

"Board"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the state board of dentistry established under IC 25-14-1-2.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.24-1999, SEC.15.

IC 25-14-3-4**"Continuing education course"**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "continuing education course" means an orderly process of instruction designed to directly enhance the practicing dentist's knowledge and skill in providing relevant dentist services that is approved by an approved organization.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-5**"License"**

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "license" means a license to practice dentistry under IC 25-14-1-3.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-6**"License period"**

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "license period" means the two (2) year period beginning on March 2, 1992, and every two (2) years thereafter.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-7**"Study club"**

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "study club" means a group of at least five (5) dentists who do the following:

- (1) Organize for the purpose of scientific study.
- (2) Operate under the direction of elected officers.
- (3) Maintain written bylaws.
- (4) Conduct regular meetings.
- (5) Maintain written attendance records of all meetings.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-8**Continuing education credit requirements**

Sec. 8. (a) A dentist must complete at least twenty (20) credit hours in continuing education courses each license period. At least half of the required minimum credit hours must be from live presentations or live workshops.

(b) Credit hours may be applied under this section only toward the credit hour requirement for the license period during which the credit hours are earned.

(c) During a license period, a dentist may not earn more than five (5) credit hours toward the requirements under this section for continuing education courses that relate specifically to the area of

practice management.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.103-2011, SEC.25.

IC 25-14-3-9

Award of credit hours

Sec. 9. Credit hours under section 8 of this chapter must be awarded as follows:

(1) A course presented by a college under a regular curriculum is awarded one (1) credit hour for each lecture hour attended.

(2) A course not listed in subdivision (1) is awarded one (1) credit hour for each lecture hour and two (2) credit hours for each participation hour of the course.

(3) A speech, lecture, or other presentation by a dentist is awarded two (2) credit hours if the following conditions are met:

(A) The presentation concerns a subject that would be suitable for a continuing education course.

(B) The subject of the presentation is eligible for credit only once, regardless of the number of times it is presented.

(C) The dentist maintains a record of the time, place, and date of the presentation.

(D) The presentation is sponsored by an approved organization.

(E) Not more than four (4) credit hours are awarded to the dentist under this subdivision during a license period.

(4) Attendance at a state, regional, or national meeting sponsored by an approved organization is awarded one (1) credit hour.

(5) Attendance at a meeting of a study club that uses films, audio cassettes, live presentations, or written materials sponsored by the American Dental Association is awarded one (1) credit hour. However, a dentist may not receive credit under this subdivision for more than four (4) credit hours during a license period.

(6) Attendance at a meeting of a study club featuring a guest speaker whose presentation concerns a subject suitable for a continuing education course is awarded one (1) credit hour for each hour attended.

(7) A home study course that is presented by an approved organization and meets the requirements under this subdivision is awarded the same number of credit hours given to courses provided by a college. If the approved organization does not assess credit hours to a course under this subdivision, the course is awarded one (1) credit hour for each hour of study material. Subject matter of the course may be presented by written, audio, or video materials.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.119-1992, SEC.4.

IC 25-14-3-10**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.157-2006, SEC.76.)

IC 25-14-3-11**Compliance**

Sec. 11. The board and the dentist shall comply with the requirements under IC 25-1-4 concerning continuing education.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.269-2001, SEC.10; P.L.157-2006, SEC.57.

IC 25-14-3-12**Board supervision of course offerings; rules**

Sec. 12. (a) A member of the board may attend or monitor a continuing education course.

(b) An approved organization shall provide the board with course information or materials requested by the board.

(c) If the board determines that an approved organization does not meet the requirements of this chapter, the board shall do the following:

(1) Provide written notification to the organization of the noncompliance specifying the items of noncompliance and the conditions of reinstatement.

(2) Deny credit hours awarded by the organization from the time that the organization receives a notice until the date of reinstatement.

(3) Make reasonable efforts to notify dentists of the organization's noncompliance status.

(d) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.185-1991, SEC.7.

IC 25-14-3-13**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.157-2006, SEC.76.)

IC 25-14-3-14**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.157-2006, SEC.76.)

IC 25-14-3-15**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.157-2006, SEC.76.)

IC 25-14-3-16**Repealed**

(Repealed by P.L.264-2013, SEC.15.)